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## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. Martial law was declared in Leipzig at 11 a.m. on 17 June. Five persons were killed and 50 injured by VP salvoes. Soviet soldiers with tanks and trucks from the Heiterblick Kaserne moved into the town. Fifty T-34 tanks were in the center of the town on 18 June. The Soviets fired into the air in order to curb the rioters. Additional troops and tanks, coming from Wurzen, arrived at the Heiterblick Kaserne on 18 June. Some of these subsequently moved into the city. On 19 June, the Heiterblick Kaserne was occupied by 1200 to 1500 soldiers and between 80 and 90 T-34 tanks. 1

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2. On 18 June, 18 T-43 tanks, nine armored personnel carriers, 15 armored scout cars and more than 100 motor vehicles with at least 17 AT guns entered the Flak Kaserne in Wurzen, having come from the direction of Riesa.
3. Only minor protest actions took place in Plauen on 17 and 18 June. Soviet troops and VP's did not interfere. Martial law, however, was declared on 17 June. An alert unit of 120 soldiers was stationed at the Koenig Georg Kaserne.
4. Riots occurred in the large plants of Quedlinburg on 17 June. Work had not yet been resumed on 21 June.
5. The town exits of Born in Letzling Heath were sealed off on 17 June. Vehicles were apparently moving from there toward Neuhausenleben. On 18 June, a soldier in Born stated that about 50% of the soldiers in the area of Huetten had been transferred to Magdeburg.
6. Martial law was rescinded in Luckenwalde on 25 June.
7. The Soviet tank repair shop in Wuensdorf was in operation on 16 and 17 June. The workers at the two construction sites in the post area were on strike on 17 and 18 June. No serious incidents occurred and work was resumed on 20 June.
8. On 22 June, all patrols on duty on the border between the East Sector of Berlin

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and the Soviet Zone in the Birkenwerder-Blankenburg area were reinforced. The patrols consisted of two Soviet soldiers and two VP's each.

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9. About 30 T-34 tanks of the 12th Guards Tank Division were assembled at the Nord-Bahnhof in Berlin on 25 June.
10. On 24 June, eight armored personnel carriers and one truck of the 12th Guards Tank Division were at the Pankow-Schoenhausen railroad station while 50 truck-carrying soldiers were observed at the Ostkreuz railroad station in Berlin. 2
11. Tanks and trucks of the 1st Mechanized Division and of the 12th Guards Tank Division were located at the following localities in East Berlin between 3 and 6 p.m. on 25 June: Haus der Jugend on Prenzlauer Allee, Stadthaus on Judenstrasse, intersection of Leipzigerstrasse and Charlottenstrasse, Nordbahnhof, Brunnenstrasse, Molkenmarkt and at Unter Den Linden.

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1. [ ] Comments: All motor vehicle [ ] belong to the 8th Guards Mechanized Division. Elements of the 1st Guards Tank Regiment from Borna and of the 20th Guards Mechanized Regiment from Wurzen were probably employed.

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2. [ ] Comments: Two of the motor vehicle [ ] at the Ostkreuz railroad station belong to the 14th Guards Mechanized Division. 25X1

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